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More Public Meetings Planned on Wolf Creek and Center Hill Dams

NASHVILLE, TENN. (January 24, 2007) – The Nashville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will hold three local public meetings, one in Davidson County and two in Sumner County, to address the early planning, design and construction efforts to manage the seepage issues at both Wolf Creek and Center Hill Dams. Corps officials will be on hand to interpret the inundation maps and address the recent announcement to lower the lake level at Wolf Creek Dam, in Russell County, Ky., to 680 feet, in response to independent studies that have classified the dam as being high risk.

Officials at the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters in Washington, D.C., approved a \$309 million Wolf Creek Dam Rehabilitation plan in August 2005 which is scheduled for completion in 2013. An additional \$240 million was approved for the Center Hill Dam rehabilitation plan in August 2006 with a scheduled completion date one year behind Wolf Creek. Funding has been received to start the rehabilitation work on both dams and the work is currently underway at Wolf Creek Dam. Work is expected to begin at Center Hill Dam early this year.

Planned meeting times and dates have been finalized. Davidson County will host the first meeting to help answer the questions of residents who live downstream on February 6. This meeting is scheduled at the North Police Precinct, Committee Meeting Room, located at 2231 26th Ave. North. Two additional meetings are planned in Sumner County February 12th and 15th.

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The Hendersonville, Tenn., meeting is scheduled on February 12th at the City Hall, located at 101 Maple Drive North and the Gallatin, Tenn., meeting is scheduled on February 15th at the City Hall, dining room, located at 132 W. Main Street. All three public meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. and last until 8 p.m.

Since the Wolf Creek rehabilitation plan was approved and funding began, 12 public meetings have been conducted in communities adjacent to the lake and downstream along the river. The public meetings are designed to inform citizens about the dam's history and monitoring efforts, as well as current and planned rehabilitation work which include a foundation cut-off wall. County Emergency Management personnel will be available for questions.

Wolf Creek Dam is 300 miles upstream of Nashville on the Cumberland River near Jamestown, Ky., and Center Hill Dam is about 120 river miles upstream of Nashville on the Caney Fork River near Lancaster, Tenn. Both of these dams have a history of foundation seepage problems which have shown signs of slowly worsening in recent years. Corps officials believe the rehabilitation work will improve the long-term reliability of these dams and is a timely repair well in advance of any critical hazard.

For more information, contact the Public Affairs Office, Nashville District, Corps of Engineers, at 615-736-7161. Persons who have an accommodation request or special need (e.g., sign language interpreter), should submit a request for accommodation in writing to Bill Peoples, chief, Public Affairs Office, P.O. Box 1070, Nashville, Tenn., 37202 or by calling (615) 736-7841. Two weeks advance notice is encouraged. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Rehabilitation Act, the Corps of Engineers will make a reasonable effort to provide effective accommodations for all participants.

Media Advisory: Please publish the notice of the public meeting in your community section.

The public and the media are invited to the meetings. There will be a media availability after the public meetings with members of the panel of experts from the Corps of Engineers and Emergency Management personnel.